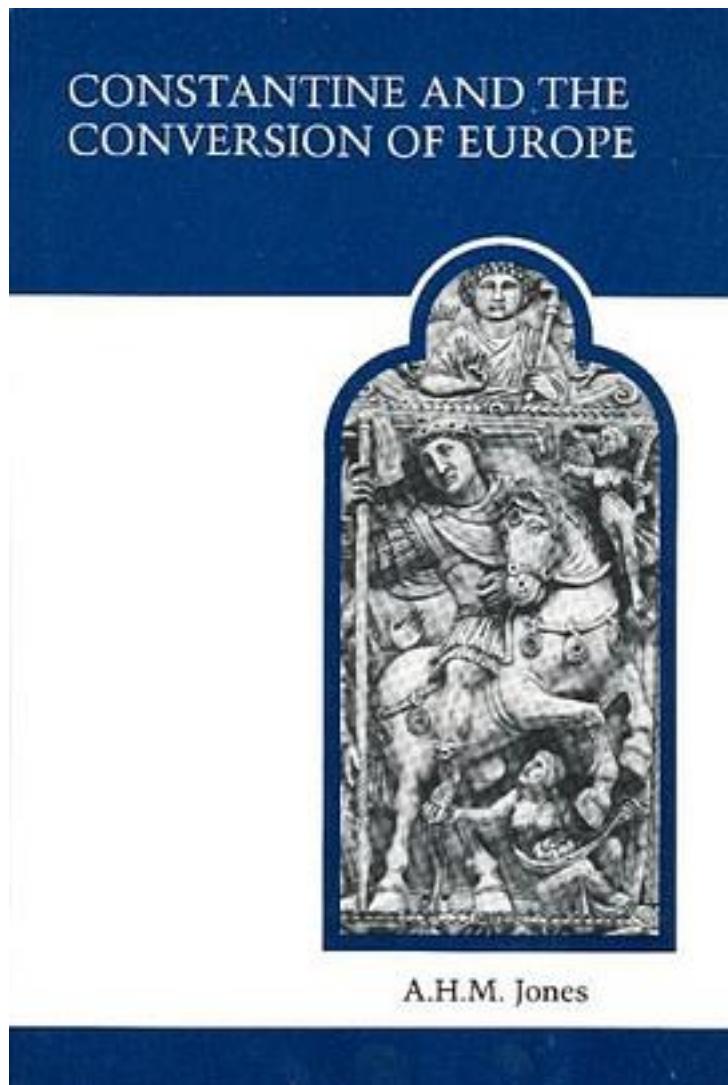


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'Constantine hardly deserves the title of Great which posterity has given him, either by his character or by his abilities. He was highly susceptible to flattery, and fell completely under the influence of any dominating personality who happened to be at his side ... Still less does Constantine deserve the title of saint, which the Eastern Church has bestowed upon him. He was, it is true, according to his lights, a good man on the whole, though his political murders -- particularly that of Licinius -- shocked even contemporary opinion, and his execution of his wife and son was felt by many to be an inexpiable stain on his character... To the other title which the Orthodox Church has bestowed upon him, "the Peer of the Apostles," he has a better claim, for his career profoundly influenced the history of the Church and the future of Christianity ... Constantine had no doubts about his imperial duty. It was his task to secure God's favour on the empire by securing, by force if necessary, that his subjects worshipped God in a manner pleasing to Him.' Originally published by Macmillan, 1948.

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评论

208页的正文，能把Diocletian的宗教迫害、君士坦丁生平、尼西亚会议、Arius引起的分裂说得清清楚楚，还引用了不少君士坦丁书信、敕令的全文，A.H.M.Jones的功力可见一斑。作者对现存史料（尤西比乌）基本采信，也不怀疑君士坦丁的宗教热情，将其转向基督教视为偶然事件决定（205），他看到的异象实为光晕（85, 90页）。Jones还说，君士坦丁的皈依是一种religious experience，而不是spiritual experience（90页），辨析准确。第三、四章介绍paganism和大迫害，每个话题都用10页左右篇幅说明，实在是游刃有余。君士坦丁即位前的史事纷乱，容易让人头疼。

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看了一半要用的章节 虽然书老 但是故事讲得尤其清楚
文风很好。受限年代史料批判吃了亏 不知道为什么没有脚注和材料出处
有些材料新的研究反而没提到 非常适合对这个问题感兴趣的人
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